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1. THE VOLUME OF FREIGHT AND CARGO HANDLED BY POLISH VESSELS IN FOREIGN TRADE INCREASED BY 10 PERCENT IN 1976, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED IN RYNKI ZAGRANICZE (FOREIGN MARKETS) OF JANUARY 27, 1977. THE 58 PERCENT RISE IN TONNAGE CARRIED BY POLISH VESSELS BETWEEN PORTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES SEEMS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT. GOVERNMENT STATISTICS SHOW THAT SHIPMENTS BETWEEN THIRD COUNTRIES REPRESENTED A RELATIVELY CONSTANT FRACTION (ABOUT ONE-THIRD) OF TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE CARGO HANDLED BY POLISH VESSELS IN BOTH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE 1966-1970 AND 1971-1975 PERIODS. THIS FRACTION MUST HAVE RISEN IN 1976.

2. BULK CARGO CARRIED BY THE POLISH STEAMSHIP COMPANY PROBABLY ACCOUNTTED FOR MOST OF THE INCREASE IN VOLUME HANDLED BY POLISH VESSELS, BUT THIS WILL NOT BE CLEAR UNTIL ADDITIONAL STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED LATER THIS

YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE POLISH MERCHANT MARINE REGISTERED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TONNAGE CARRIED IN FOREIGN TRADE, ITS INCOME FROM THIS ACTIVITY INCREASED ONLY 3.5 PERCENT IN 1976, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

3. TOTAL TONNAGE OF THE POLISH MERCHANT FLEET INCREASED BY 6.4 PERCENT TO 4.2 MILLION DWT IN 1976. BROWN UNQTE: VANCE

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